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FOR SIMONS FROM SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. VLAD GEORGESCU. BILLINGTON FINALLY GOT THROUGH TO NICOLAE JUNE 15, AFTER INTS GAVE NICOLAE A NUDGE THROUGH EMBASSY COUNSELOR RACEANU. NICOLAE AT FIRST CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE SITUATION, THEN SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS VLAD'S OTHER DUTIES AT THE INSTITUTE KEPT HIM FROM ACCEPTING THE INVITATION OF THE WOODROW WILSON CENTER. WHEN BILLINGTON TOLD HIM HE KNEW THAT WAS NOT THE CASE, THAT HE (BILLINGTON) HAD ALREADY RECEIVED MANY LETTERS ABOUT VLAD'S INVITATION FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, AND THAT THE QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI, NICOLAE SOUNDED MORE COOPERATIVE. BILLINGTON SAID HE GOT THE IMPRESSION NICOLAE WILL DO HIS BEST "TO SPRING VLAD." BILLINGTON IS NOW WAITING TO HEAR BACK  
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FROM NICOLAE, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT BILLINGTON WILL BE LEAVING WASHINGTON FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS ON SUNDAY. HOWEVER, HIS DEPUTY IS WELL BRIEFED ON THIS AND WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW UP IF NECESSARY. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ALSO BEING PASSED TO HARRY BARNES IN LONDON.

2. FOR JAY BLOWERS. YOU SHOULD HAVE COPY OF A LETTER

FROM PROF. GERARD SMITH, CHAIRMAN, GORDON RESEARCH  
CONFERENCES ON CATALYSIS, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY,  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS,  
INVITING DR. MARIAN MUSOIU OF PLOIESTI TO ATTEND THE  
JUNE 25-30 CONFERENCE. SMITH HAS ALSO SENT A LETTER TO  
ELENA CEAUSESCU THE CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR CHEMICAL  
RESEARCH ASKING THAT MUSOIU BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE  
PARTICIPANTS FROM JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, THE USSR, ETC.  
AS USUAL, SMITH HAS RECEIVED NO ANSWER SO FAR. HE  
WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE WORD FROM EMBASSY ON WHETHER  
MUSOIU WILL ATTEND, AS WELL AS EMBASSY SUPPORT WITH GOR.  
UNFORTUNATELY, SMITH CANNOT IDENTIFY INSTITUTION FOR  
WHICH MUSOIU WORKS, WHICH DOES NOT MAKE YOUR JOB ANY  
EASIER. PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW, IF POSSIBLE  
BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK. IF YOU HAVE NO INFORMATION BY  
THAT TIME, PLEASE SEND REPLY NEXT WEEK BY TELEGRAM  
DIRECTLY TO SMITH. CHRISTOPHER

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